

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 765

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Michele Parks on her selection as the 2018 Jefferson County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michele Parks is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks was recently selected as the 2018 Jefferson County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, an eighth grade math teacher at Jefferson Middle School since 2010, Michele Parks previously taught fifth grade at Dandridge Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she holds a Master of Arts in Teaching from Carson-Newman College, a bachelor's degree in business data processing from Carson-Newman College, and an associate degree in nursing from Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, her professional achievements aside, Mrs. Parks is a loving wife, mother of five devoted children, and grandmother of one treasured grandchild; she enjoys spending time with her family and her many animals, which include six dogs, five cats, and six horses; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parks is truly an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Michele Parks epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest values of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Michele Parks on being chosen as the 2018 Jefferson County Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.